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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Many observers hold that October is their favorite month of the year . . . in Virginia. Nature wears a cost of many colors. Football, hunting, fishing, baseball's World Series, hiking, car trips to entertain us. Harvest month, too. Some even say the first frost will not appear until the last week of the month. Apples and other fruit in abundance, and a gradual disappearance of pesky insects. I am all for each month as it comes around, but may October be something very special for you . . . and Appomattox.

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One day last week while shopping, Brightleaf and I met Miss Hazel Moon, who has spent many years as a nurse-missionary in Africa. Yes, she said she will return to her work there. We are proud of the career of this outstanding native of Appomattox County.

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Few indeed, could equal the record of the Rev. Omer G. Burnette as a pastor and revivalist. I note that he is conducting a revival this week at Flat Creek Baptist Church.

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It is peanut harvesting time in Southeastern Virginia and they say there is a good yield. As I recall it, my very first job outside the home place was digging peanuts. Neighbor Larkin Willis owes me, two shining half dollars.

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Football fans follow the ratings of their favorite teams. Last week Oklahoma rated 107.2, Alabama 105.9, Slippery Rock 46.9 and Ft. Dickerson, 4.6. Lot of leeway. ACHS has a big game this week with arch rival Brookville.

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Away back in 1600 one William Vaughan wrote: "Oysters must not be eaten in those months, which in pronounce want the letter R." Well, October is an "R month" and the oyster season has just opened. I like oysters, raw, friend or in stew.

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This paragraph has a lesson. Many times recently I have signed-off writing for the day, complaining that my typewriter was acting up and I was exhausted from re-writing and wasting copy paper. Said typewriter is a portable and I am quite attached to it. It was in the trunk of our car when we drove across country to California. I used it to write copy for Darkleaf in Los Angeles, San Diego, Del Rio, San Antonio, Laredo, New Oreleans, Atlanta, Key West, Miami, Nags Head and many other places. But gradually it became an ordeal to use it for writing. I think I had it worked on some twenty years ago, and many ribbons have spent their careers winding around its spools. Last week I resigned myself to writing Darkleaf by hand, even though that would place an extra burden on typesetters. Suddenly, I had an idea. I fetched a can of Three in One Oil and baptized the innards of said Portable in a quick lubrication job. Presto, locus pocus, mumbo jumbo, and it was a lovely day, flowers were blooming, birds were singing, crickets ceased chirping; it was like Easter morning, the World Series, Pay Day. I answered a few letters. And no sticking keys. Wow. Now all I have to do is get the ribbon to transfer properly, and Happy Days Are Here Again. The reason . . . even typewriters do not run without oil.

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It is easy for me to be humble. One way to accomplish this is to read something difficult and then try to unravel it. This week in Immanuel Kant's Critique of Pure Reason, puzzled over an essay on "The Amphiboly of the Conceptions of Reflection." I struck out. But, it is October, and October is a very good month. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Lions Club Fruit Cakes On Display

The Appomattox Lions Club has over a ton of those delicious Benson's Fruit Cakes on display at Wilbun's Super Market. The three pound cakes will sell for $4.50 each and make excellent gifts as well as cakes for your holiday season. The cakes will be on sale at most business places in Appomattox County and all members of the Lions Club will be selling cakes as well. Lions Club members shown with display of cakes, left to right, are Lloyd Vaughan, Murrell Ferguson, Jim Beaty and Gerald Wilbun. Proceeds from the sale of fruit cakes go to support the fine projects sponsored by the Lions Club.

Sunday is "Lions' Service Day" and Appomattox Lions will have a box at Wilbun's Store for people wishing to donate old eye glasses and hearing aids. Those donated will be repaired and be used in Appomattox to benefit our citizens.

Football Contest Winners Announced

Winners in the Football Contest sponsored by area businesses have been announced by the TIMES VIRGINIAN for the contest in the September 28th edition.

With the Army - Washington State game ending in a "tie, we counted only 22 games in the contest, throwing out the Army Washington State game.

Jim Nolen, with 21 correct predictions out of a possible 22 games, is winner of first place in this contest.

With only two games picked incorrectly, Mike Jarrell of Route 1, and Mike Torrence of Appomattox tied for second place. They each got the two "Tie-Breakers' correct so we went to the actual score in the Appomattox - Altavista game for a winner. The score in this game played Friday night was Appomattox 61 - Altavista 0. Mike Jarrell with a 35 point difference in favor of Appomattox is winner of second place. Mike Torrence gave Appomattox a 13 point win.

Jim Nolen, as winner of first place, will receive a check from the TIMES VIRGINIAN in the amount of $10.00 as his prize and Mike Jarrell, winner of second place, will receive check from the TIMES VIRGINIAN for $5.00 for second place.

Be sure to enter the contest in this issue of the TIMES VIRGINIAN. You just may be the next winner.

Contest Scheduled To Select Most Pefect Tobacco Leaf

A contest is being held to select the most perfect leaf of tobacco in the flue-cured tobacco area. The contest is being sponsored by the Southern Flue-cured Tobacco Festival and the Tobacco Farmer Show. The Southern Flue-cured Tobacco Festival is sponsored by the Greenville, North Carolina Chamber of Commerce and will be held in Greenville, North Carolina during the week of November 12.

The contest is open to entries from all of the flue-cured tobacco states and a total of fifteen entries will be accepted in the contest. Plaques and cash awards will be awarded to the growers of the top three leaves. Cash awards are $250 for first place, $150 for second place, and $100 for third place.

Virginia will be allowed three entries in the contest. All leaves entered by growers in the state will be judged by personnel of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and VPI & SU Extension Division in order to determine the state's three entries.

Each grower who wishes to enter the contest may enter a maximum of three leaves. Each leaf must come from a regular tobacco farm and be of a variety accessible to all farmers. Leaves from test plots, test farms, or test varieties are not acceptable.

It is the responsibility of each grower to have his leaves in the possession of his county Extension office by Monday, November 6, 1978.

If a grower has questions concerning the contest, he may call the Appomattox County Extension Office 352-8244 or the Virginia Department of Agriculture at (804) 572-4568.

Appomattox growers are encouraged to find that perfect leaf and enter this contest so that they can again prove that Virginia tobacco is the best. Extreme care should be given the entry in order to prevent damage from handling.

Deadline Extended On Town Taxes

September 30, 1978 was the deadline for paying taxes to the Town of Appomattox.

Due to the delay in mailing tax notices, the Town of Appomattox has extended the deadline until October 6th. You may avoid penalty and interest by paying your taxes no later than October 6th.

In the last issue of the Times-Virginian, through error, October 30th was given as the deadline for paying town taxes. We regret this error.

Post Offices To Be Closed Monday

The Appomattox and the Pamplin Post Offices will be closed Monday, October 9th, in observance of Columbus Day.

There will be no window service and no rural delivery on Monday.

photo by Shearer Robertson

Winners In PP&K Contest

The annual Punt, Pass & Kick Contest, sponsored locally by Lawson Ford, Inc. and Appomattox Jaycees, was held Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Bragg Stadium.

First place winners, front row, left to right, were Denny Drinkard, 8 year old; Andre McCoy, 9 year old; Timothy Mullins, 10 year old; Scott Gunter, 11 year old; Gary Ferguson, 12 year old; and Kevin Ferguson, 13 year old; second place winners, second row from left, Daniel Ray Williams, 8 year old; John Fedison, 9 year old; Ricky Dickerson, 10 year old; Paul Johnson, 11 year old; Billy Hopkins, 12 year old; and Greg Gunter, 13 year old; and third place winners, back row, left to right, Chip Herncall, 8 year old; William Garrett, 9 year old; Chris Gunter, 10 year old; Mike Ferguson, 11 year old; H. R. Tolley, 12 year old; and Jody Williams, 13 year old. Winners will compete in Zone Competition.

Mayors Proclaim October Rescue Squad Month For County

School Board To Meet Wednesday

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Wednesday, October 11, 1978 at 3 p.m. The agenda includes 1) consideration of a handbook for nurses for use i the county schools, 2) review of state testing program for minimum competencies, 3) report on student enrollment, 4) report on fall adult education program, 5) review of special instructional activities and programs for 1978-79 and 6) financial report.

Prior to the meeting at 3 p.m., the board members will eat lunch in one of the schools and observe the school program.

Goal Set At $13,700.00

Ronald Spiggle, Mayor of the Town of Appomattox, and J. A. Williams, Mayor of the Town of Pamplin, have both proclaimed the month of October as Appomattox County Rescue Squad Month.

BANKS TO BE CLOSED MONDAY

American Federal Savings & Loan Association, Farmers National Bank, Fidelity American Bank, and the First National Bank of Farmville - Pamplin Branch will all be closed Monday, October 9, in observance of Columbus Day holiday.

All banks will be open Tuesday morning for business as usual.

In issuing the proclamation, both mayors stated that they were pleased to do this on behalf of the volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad for the outstanding work they do and for the service they render the citizens of this county.

The 1978-79 Annual Fund Drive will officially begin this week end with squad members ready to accept your contributions for operating expenses, heart monitoring equipment, and to purchase needed equipment throughout the year.

A goal of $13,700.00, an increase of 10% over last year, has been set for this year and the slogan "YOU HELP US - WE'LL HELP YOU" has again been adopted for the fund drive. Without the help and the generous contributions of the citizens of Appomattox County, the three ambulances now manned by members of this volunteer organization could not operate.

A canvass in the same manner that has been used for the past five years will again be used this year. Spot locations will be set up throughout the county on Friday night, October 6th, and on Saturday, October 7th, for the convenience of citizens who wish to make donations.

On Friday night from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., members will be stationed at Wilbun's Super Market and at Triangle Plaza Shopping Center to accept your contributions.

On Saturday from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m., members will again be at Wilbun's and at Triangle Plaza. You may donate in Pamplin from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Williams Store or at Harvey's Market; in Evergreen from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. you may donate across from Evans' Store; in Oakville from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. you may find members accepting donations at both Oakville Farm Supply and Wilkerson's Store; in Vera from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. you may donate at Franklin's Service Center; and in Red House from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. you may make your contribution at Marston's Store.

County citizens are asked to cooperate again this year by stopping by one of these locations and making your contribution to this worthy organization. You may donate to any member of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad or you may want to mail your contribution to Appomattox County Rescue Squad - Fund Drive, P. O. Box 57, Appomattox, Virginia 24522.

The 1978 - 79 Fund Drive is headed by Ray Noble, Training Officer of the squad, who is serving as Finances Chairman. Beck Hudson is Chairman of the Publicity Committee.

YOU, the people of Appomattox County have expressed your confidence in the Appomattox County Rescue Squad in past years by your generous donations and members of the squad feel that it is only fair to you to maintain the latest and most efficient in equipment, training programs, and communications.

With your continued cooperation, this fund drive will be the success that it has been in the past. "IF YOU HELP US - WE'LL HELP YOU."

Local Family Doctor Attends Medical Meeting in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO - Dr. Albert A. Fratrick, Appomattox, is attending the 30th Annual Scientific Assembly of the American Academy of Family Physicians in San Francisco. The medical meeting began September 25 and runs through September 28. More than 4,000 family doctors are participating in this once-a-year continuing medical education conclave.

The local physician, who is a member of the Academy, will hear nationally-known speakers discuss up-to-the-minute health care topics. He also will have an opportunity to attend clinical seminars on 50 different topics and visit some 100 scientific and 300 technical exhibits.

Subjects covered in this four-day scientific session are of immediate interest to family doctors both in their everyday practices and in their continual endeavors to keep abreast of the latest advances in medicine. This year topics include office management of sexual problems, evaluation and care of the critically ill patient, hypertension and child abuse.

The Academy, headquartered in Kansas City, is the nation's second largest medical organization. It was the pioneer among medical associations in requiring its members to take continuing medical education. Its 40,000 members must complete 150 hours of mandatory continuing study every three years.

Lay Rally To Be Held October 7th

Lynchburg District United Methodist Lay Leader Robert B. Carpenter, of Altavista, announced completion of plans for a Lynchburg Lay Rally to be held at Fort Hill United Methodist Church in Lynchburg Saturday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Churches from across the Lynchburg District will send delegations of men, women, and youth to the Rally in preparation for the celebration of Laity Sunday on October 8 in each local church.

The singspiration portion of the evening will be under the direction of A. G. Jefferosn and Mrs. Bettie Leftwich. Emphasis for the year will be explained by Dave Tucker, Director of Leadership Training; Steve Pool, Director of Lay Speaking; and Stan Goldsmith, Director of United Methodist Men.

The Laity Day Challenger will be brought by R. B. Carpenter, District Lay Leader.Carpenter is currently Chairman of the Virginia Conference Task Force for Ministry in the Black Community, President of Virginia United Methodist Agency for the Retarded (VUMAR), member of the Virginia Conference Council on Ministries Executive Committee, member of the General Board of Status and Role of Women, and was a delegate in 1972 and 1976 to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and 1976 delegate to

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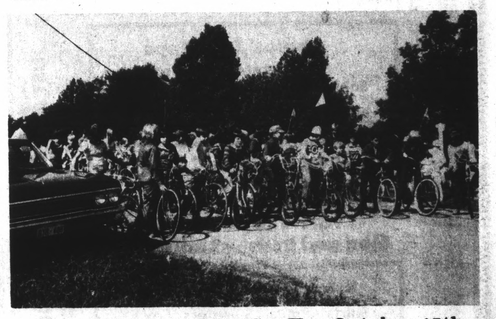
Appomattox High School Is The Challenger On Channel 7's "Klassroom Kwiz"

There's excitement in the air Monday night, October 9, on Channel 7's "Klassroom Kwiz" as a team from Appomattox County High School takes on the champions of Henrico County High School at 7 p.m. on WDBJ-TV. The Appomattox team members are Ricky Mitchell, Susan Smith and Mary Dyess, all seniors.

Ricky Mitchell's interests include amateur radio and track, and he's participating in the United States Blind Olympics. His future plans include earning a Bachelor's degree in Communications and a Ph.D. in Religion. Susan Smith enjoys tennis, basketball, horseback riding and cheerleading. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the tennis and basketball squads and is a varsity cheerleader. Susan plans to major in psychology in college. Mary Dyess was State Secretary for Future Homemakers of America last year and received the State Homemaker Degree. This year she is Chaplain of the National Honor Society and a church pianist. Her interests include music, sewing and sports and she would like to earn a B.S. in Nursing.

George Bassett is master of ceremonies and Artie Levin is scorekeeper-timer of "Klassroom Kwiz," which is in its fifteenth year on WDBJ-TV, Channel 7. It is the highest-rated locally-produced program in the Roanoke-Lynchburg television market.



Annual Bike-A-Thon Set For October 15th

The Annual Bike-A-Thon in Appomattox County will be held on Sunday, October 15th, beginning at 2 p.m., according to Mrs. Janet Noble, president of the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society.

Members of the Appomattox County 4-H Clubs will lead off the Bike-A-Thon this year and have chosen Miss Kathy Johnson, the new "Miss Appomattox", as Celebrity Chairman.

The Bike-A-Thon is sponsored by the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society, in an effort to raise funds that will help in the fight against cancer. Both adults and teens are invited to participate in the 10-mile ride. Bike riders, by getting pledges for any amount per mile they complete in the ride, from friends, relatives and neighbors, earn money for the fight to conquer cancer in your life time. Plaques will be awarded to the two top clubs or classes that ride as a group and trophies will be awarded to the person getting the most money for the ten mile ride on October 15th.

The same route as in previous years will be followed again this year and a map of the route is printed on another page of this issue of the Times-Virginian.

All persons interested in participating in the Bike-A-Thon may get an entry blank at Appomattox County High School or at the Appomattox Middle School from the office of the principal. Members of the 4-H Clubs have this information, also.

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